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### EU project supported meeting of the working group on basin planning in the Isfara river basin

**Batken** – Members of working group on basin planning in the Isfara river basin discussed current issues during workshop “Complex assessment and analysis of situation in the Isfara river basin”, 25-26 July 2013. Representatives of water sector and related agencies, specialists from basin organizations of the Isfara river from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, as well as experts took part in the event.

The participants presented the main results of legal and institutional framework analysis for basin planning; economic and social development of the territory; climate change analysis and adaptation to climate change; emergency situation, natural disasters and environment conditions; results of development of land use map and land and water resources analysis for the Isfara river basin.

Every aspect of the complex assessment and analysis of the situation in the basin was discussed after the presentations, thus, besides of receiving information, the participants of the meeting could ask questions and make suggestions.

Based on the results of the discussion, the working group developed plan of next actions on basin planning for the Isfara river, in particular, on prioritization of the problems in the basin, which later is to be included into basin plan.

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